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United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service

Re: Country of Origin Labeling Comments

To Whom it May Concern,

We would like to take this opportunity to comment on the guidelines for Country of Origin Labeling. We are a small family owned and operated ranch in Montana. We also market our cattle as beef. We have a USDA approved label and process at a USDA inspected processor. Currently we claim that our beef is a product of Montana. In order to make this claim, we must provide a signed affidavit at the time of slaughter stating that this animal is in fact from Montana. Our comment for COOL would be that we feel this affidavit process is an adequate means to verify an animal's origin.

Sincerely,

Roger & Betsy Indreland